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We must apologize for our small numbers August and September, but as Mr. Bertrand left for Manitoba the paper is being looked after by your humble Associate Editor. We promise you to make it up in October.

An advt. in October No. will pay you. Try it.

Trade is again picking up and we are looking forward to a brisk season. We are watching for the two Canadian stamps and these with the Buffalo Exposition stamps ought to brighten trade.

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REVIEW.

Conducted by G. Campbell Keith, Smith's Falls, Ont.

Alleghany Philatelist, Vol. VII, No. 36—A Talk About Shades.

Grant's Philatelic Monthly, Vol. I, No. 2 — Madame Daugligny's Dowry. Wee Bits. Notes on New Issues.

The Philatelic Advocate, Vol. IX, No. 2—Buy Boer Stamps. D P.A. Convention reports. Some Pretty

The Adhesive, Vol. I, No. 8.

Mr. Jones in "Wee Bits" Grant's Monthly is just a little "punny."

The Advocate is again publishing cuts. The August No. doesn't give Mr. Holmes a very good reputation. We noticed that many stamps in our C. P. C. books were changed but we did not attribute it to him.

RANDOM NOTES.

A Talk About Some New Issues—The writer has been favored with a sight of some brand new issues, there being over two hundred in the lot. Some are the same in design, coming in new U. P. U. colors, while others are of entirely new make. The issues of Chile look neat but are on paper of rather poor quality. A new denomination comes from Ceylon, the design being the familiar one with the Queen's head, color olive green, the value (12c) being white on a red surface. A 3c green also is in evidence. People will probably differ as to the issues from Crete and French Congo. Those from Crete have for designs the faces of Prince George and mythical individuals, and I can't agree as to the beauty of the designs always as expressed by others. The values go as high as 5 drachmas, surcharges occurring in the larger ones. French Congo has 15 new stamps. They are bi-colored, being handsome enough in that respect. Otherwise they seem ugly. A panther at bay figures on six of them, watermarked with the thistle; a Bakalois female does duty for six others, with a rose tree branch for watermark; the three franc values show a cocoa tree alley in Libreville, with an olive tree watermark. The Kisengarh (India) stamps are suggestive of many others already in vogue trom that quarter. The previous stamps of the Congo Independent State are well known for their beauty. A change has been made to correspond with U.P.U. colors. Whereas the 5 centime formerly was a very handsome stamp, the 10 centime now is the most beautiful. The Labrian and North Borneo issues are similar in design to the former ones. The 4c surcharge appears on several values among them the $5 purple and the $10 bistie and these stamps are as large as four of Uncle Sam's, so that 10,000 would paper a wall The Japanese stamps are like former ones in design with color changes, ditto Liberia; New Zealands appear in one color, same design as the old ones. Samoans, Siams, Wurttembergs, Western Australians, Greenlands and Victorias are in familiar designs; the Tasmanian blankets (eight of them) are each of one color in pretty scenic designs, but paper none too good. Mark values appear from Bavaria. The Dominican Republic has some fair looking specimens in which Columbus figures. The Miranda stamps of Venezuela appear in several celors, all of one design. If one is after errors he can secure the "Two Gents" on 10c. British Guiana for (G) $1.50. There are some homely looking blankets from Lorenzo Marques and a yellow and green (or it might be blue) 40c poster from Djibout. Heller dues are in evidence from Austria, and the Levantine surcharges of this country as well as the Surinan surcharges of the Queen Wilhelminr coronation stamps look at us. Oh! There are plenty of others—a new black Niger Coast is V. R. I. surcharges, French colonia's, Straits Settlements, and a very few South Americans, with a Puerto Rico envelope or two as fillers.

Stamps on the Wall—When I made the assertion in the June Alleghany Philatelist that "40,000 stamps would paper the wall of a good-sized room" I knew what I was talking about. I made my calculations also from the present issue of Uncle Sam's stamps, which are not large, but can be classed as of ordinary size. My "stamp room" is ten feet square, eight and a half feet high. After taking out two doors, one window and mop boards, I found that 40,000 stamps would be sufficient to cover the wall paper surface by using the ordinary U.S. stamps for the body of it, with a six inch border at the top of Columbians and Omahas. If all was papered with the regular issue 42,100 stamps would be enough. By the way, the adioining room is five yards square, taking twenty-five yards of carpet full width. This room has six doors, two windows and a mantel to allow for, and 50,000 stamps of the same size would be enough. A room thirty feet square requiring four times as much carpet would take just twice as much wall paper, and if doors and windows, etc., were in the same proportion 100,000 stamps would be enough. In my Alleghany article I didn't calculate on papering the ceiling, nor was I figuring on a public hall or meeting house.

Some Philatelic Oddities.

(BY JOHN PELTZ.)

Oddities in stamps are closely related to errors, nevertheless there is a distinction between them. Errors are very popular with the majority of collectors; oddities are saved and collected by only a small minority. The reason for the above condition may be that as most errors are catalogued collectors know of their existence, and therefore collect them while, on the contrary, oddities are not catalogued, therefore less known and collected. It is my intention to give ignorant collectors a litt'e knowledge on oddities and descriptions of some of them, which are as follows: Albino envelopes are generally termed as oddities. They occur when only the die and design is impressed on the envelopes minus the color. The 1897 1c and 2c U.S. envelopes on white paper exist with the design and die impressed in upper right hand corner and the color lacking. The 1c blue on manilla paper also comes part Albino and these have a very odd appearance. The 1898 1c green envelope of Canada has been discovered by Starnaman Bros., publishers of the "Advocate" as an Albino.

I have heard of a copy of 3c red, same issue (Canada 1898) which had the die impressed in the regular place on the envelope with the color inside just under the impressed design. This reminds me of a copy of the obsolete 2c green U.S. envelope, white pape , wh ch I found with the color on the outside as well as on the inside beneath the die.

I have seen many U.S. envelopes which were cut round the design and color and were then pasted on regular envelopes to serve as "regular" stamps. I know of one postmaster who gave me leave to do this, saying it was allowed by Uncle Sam, while another forbade it saying that it was against all postal laws. Some of these "provisionals" went through all right, while a few had Postage Dues attached. I have seen adhesive stamps from France, Bavaria and Holland which had the perforator clipped on every side and at top and bottom and then used on letters. At first glance they seemed to be imperforated copies, but a little examination revealed the cutting.

In 1893-94 New Zealand allowed all kinds of advertisements to be printed on the back of its adhesive stamps, and in this way probably made a handsome profit. Following is a list of stamps that were printed with advertisements on back:—

New Zealand, 1882 issue, perforated 11½, 1 p rose, 2 p lilac, 4 p sea green, 8 p blue, 1 sh red brown 1892 issue, perforated 10, 1 p rose, 2 p lilac, 2½ p blue, 3 p yellow, 4 p sea green, 5 p olive gray, 6 p brown, 1 sh red brown.

The above is taken verbatim from Scott's 57th; therein they are catalogued, but not priced, but neither the 58th or 59th lists them, for what reason I do not know.

LONDON NOTES.

BY W. F. DICK.

The sad event of the month has been the death of the Duke of Edinburgh, one of the best known of our royal philatelists. He will be much missed by philatelists in general.

The collectors of pictorial post cards are assuming large proportions and a new magazine has now appeared in connection with this hobby. "It is entitled "The Pictorial Post Card" and in it philately is not wholly neglected as there are some good illustrations of stamps.

Switzerland has just issued a stamp in commemoration of the jubilee of the postal union. In appearance it more resembles one of the exhibition labels that hail from the continent. It is about twice the size of the ordinary postage stamp and there are three values.

A large leakage of unused I. R. official stamps has just been discovered at Somerset House and has culminated in the suicide of one of the Government clerks employed there. Surely the authorities should take greater precaution and not leave such temptation in the way of their employees.

A friend of mine who knows Mr. Castle well has just informed me that he must have made at least £20,000 profit on the sales of his various collections. There is still great curiosity as to who is the buyer and in this connection the Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly has received the following from a correspondent :

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ILLINOIS ITEMS.

(BY SHIRLEY E. MOISANT.)

Having just returned from a trip to Canada I find it impossible to find much news but I will give all that is of interest. While in the old Dominion I wanted to go to Smith's Falls to call on my employers but I found it too far out of my course.

Buchanan, the alleged accomplice of Jas. Clark, who was arrested some time ago for having counterfeit stamps, dies and plates in his possession is now out on $1000 bail and will be given a hearing in the next Session of the Federal Court, Sept.

At a meeting of the Chicago branch of the A. P. A. held July 26 it was decided to keep the room at 1693 Marquette Bldg. open all day the Sunday before the conventions, so that all visitors in Chicago may call.

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